

## Littermate Syndrome

When two or more puppies from the same litter grow up together, it can be harmful. Littermate Syndrome can result in dangerous pack behavior we have seen to cause injury to people and dogs in the Community.

0-10 WEEKS: TOGETHER
10+ WEEKS: APART

A litter of puppies should stay together with mom until 8-10 weeks of age. This is important for health & behavior.

It may be tempting to keep puppies together longer. But, it is much better for them if they are separated.

## WHY?

Puppies that stay together too long can create a bond so deep, they have trouble picking up on Human and Canine communication. This results in:

- Less bonding with owners
- Fear of unfamiliar things
- Separation anxiety
- Trouble learning obedience
- Aggression with other dogs and/or each other as they get older

